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Dear FDA

I am extremely disappointed in your new rules and guidelines on genetically engineered (GE) foods. There is a strong consumer demand for safety testing and mandatory labeling for GE foods. There is strong scientific evidence of numerous potential health and environmental risks of GE foods. I am concerned that these foods could be toxic, cause allergic responses, have lower nutritional value, and could compromise our already over worked immune systems. I object to millions of consumers being unknowing guinea pigs, testing the safety of these foods. This is totally unacceptable.

Labeling of GE foods should be mandatory. Not one GE producer has agreed to label their products. As a consumer, I demand the right to know what I am putting in my body. If the products are tested and there are no safety risks, the producers have no reason to fear mandatory labeling. If people do have health problems or allergic reactions, without labeling there is no way for consumers and their health professionals to know if a their reaction is caused by a GE food.

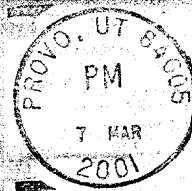
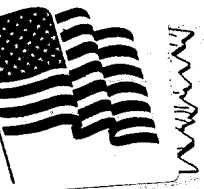
Please make these necessary changes to the new rules for GE foods.

Respectfully




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